



The Village of Bible Hill regular monthly meeting was held on December 17, 2019 in the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road. Chair MacCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Call to Order: Chair MacCormick
Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg
Commissioner Pitcher
Commissioner Burke
Commissioner Kennedy

Staff: Clerk and Treasurer Bell
Recording Secretary Chaplin
Solicitor Roper, Burchell MacDougall

Delegates: Her Worship Mayor Blair
Councillor Parker
Councillor Boutilier
Mr. Dave Ritcey

Review and Approval of the Minutes of November 19th and December 10th, 2019

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the meeting minutes of November 19th and December 10th, 2019 be approved.

Motion carried

Call for New or Other Business and Review and Approval of Agenda

Chair MacCormick called for new or other business and Chair MacCormick requested New Year's Day Levee be added under new business.

*Moved Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That the agenda be approved with the amendments.

Motion carried

Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interests

The Chair called for any declarations of conflict of interest and no conflict was declared.

Miscellaneous business including delegations

- **Welcoming of Delegates**

Chair MacCormick welcomed the delegates to the meeting and invited them to speak.

Mayor Blair, Councillor Boutilier and Councillor Parker spoke briefly on topics relating to the Municipality of the County of Colchester.

The Commission and delegates discussed.

- **Volunteer awards nominations**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell reminded the Commission of the Volunteer Awards taking place on April 22, 2020. He noted when the nominations are due as well as the award categories.

Business Arising out of the Minutes

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by Kennedy

That Village of Bible Hill reinstate the former Wellness Policy with the amendment of a maximum of \$200 per person, and funds limited by approval of budget.

Clerk and Treasurer Bell recommended that the former Wellness Policy be supplemented with additional terms and provided a copy of an updated policy to Commissioners for review and recommend the motion on the floor be amended to reflect the policy as presented.

On agreement of both the mover and seconder:

That the Village of Bible Hill approve the Wellness Program Policy as presented.

Motion carried

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by Kennedy

That Village of Bible Hill transfer \$10,000 from the capital reserve fund to the operating fund for purposes of partially financing the installation of a lift at 69 Pictou Road.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded Kennedy*

That Village of Bible Hill instruct Clerk and Treasurer Bell to draft an Accessibility Advisory Committee Policy for review.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Pitcher*

That Village of Bible Hill adopt the Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Fund Policy as presented, repealing and replacing the Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Restricted Reserve Fund Policy adopted in November 2016.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Pitcher*

That Village of Bible Hill adopt the Fire Apparatus Reserve Fund Policy as presented, repealing and replacing the Fire Apparatus Restricted Reserve Fund Policy adopted in November 2016.

Motion carried.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Pitcher*

That Village of Bible Hill adopt the Operating Reserve Fund Policy as presented, repealing and replacing the Operating Reserve Fund Policy adopted in November 2016.

Motion carried.

Review of Correspondence

There was no correspondence to review.

Reports of Commissioners and Clerk and Treasurer

- **Commissioner Burke, Transportation Services**

Commissioner Burke spoke about the completion of the Johnson Avenue sidewalk replacement project. He then noted that curbs are breaking on College Road, potholes are becoming an issue, and spoke about the recurring issue of the dead trees on College road that have recently been damaged more with the high winds. The Commission discussed.

Clerk and Treasurer Bell noted that he recently received a resident complaint regarding the damaged curb on College Road and that he encouraged the resident to forward the complaint to NSTIR. He also noted that he has spoken about the dead trees on College Road with Colchester's Public Works Director and it was noted that Nova Scotia Power (NSP) might be interested in taking them down however, he contacted NSP and was not successful in finding that interest. The Clerk noted that staff will acquire quotations on removing the trees for consideration at a future meeting.

- **Commissioner Kennedy, Protective Services**

Commissioner Kennedy presented the Fire Chief's report – as attached.

- **Commissioner Pitcher, Recreation and Cultural Services**

Commissioner Pitcher presented the Parks and Recreation Director's Report – as attached.

- **Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg, Environmental Health Services**

Deputy Chair Van Kroonenburg spoke about her attendance at the tree lighting, noted the success of the Santa photos and the location of the tree lighting being inside this year. She then spoke about a complaint from a resident regarding a curb/lawn issue that she forwarded to Clerk and Treasurer Bell, who then forwarded the issue to the County of Colchester. Lastly, she noted that a storm water drainage project at College Court is complete.

- **Chair MacCormick**

Chair MacCormick spoke about her attendance at the December Bible Hill Fire Brigade (BHFB) meeting, where the annual election of officers took place.

- **Clerk and Treasurer Bell**

Clerk and Treasurer Bell spoke about the upcoming installation of park and boundary signs, and that construction of a lift at the Village Hall and Fire Hall is to be completed by March 31st. He noted the office hours over the holidays, his attendance of the BHFB December meeting, and reminded the Commission of the New Year's Day Levee.

Accounts

*Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Burke*

That Village of Bible Hill approve the accounts for payment.

Motion carried.

New Business

- **Quotations**

BHFB – Super Vac Fan Quotation

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented two quotes for a super vac fan for Bible Hill Fire Brigade. The quote from Guillevin International Co. was for \$4,629.58+hst and the quote from Micmac Fire & Safety Source Ltd was for \$4,225.00+hst.

Moved by Kennedy
Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That Village of Bible Hill purchase a super vac fan from Micmac Fire & Safety Source Ltd for a total of \$4,225.00+hst.

Motion carried

Canada Day Quotations

- Entertainment

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a quote from Gordon Tucker for Canada Day entertainment and emcee services for a total of \$2,200.

*Moved by Van Kroonenburg
Seconded by Kennedy*

That Village of Bible Hill hire Gordon Tucker for Canada Day entertainment and emcee services for a total of \$2,200.

Motion carried

- Tents

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented two quotes for tent rentals. The quote from MacFarlands Events was for \$3,026+hst and the quote from Commercial Tent was for \$3,123+hst. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by Kennedy

That Village of Bible Hill rent tents from MacFarlands Events for a total of \$3,026+hst.

Motion carried

- Inflatables

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a quote from Glow the Event Store for bouncy houses and other inflatables for a total of \$5,067+hst. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

Seconded by Pitcher

That Village of Bible Hill rent bouncy houses and inflatables from Glow the Event Store a total of \$5,067+hst.

Motion carried

- Pony/horse rides and mechanical bull

Clerk and Treasurer Bell presented a quote from Shelby Ranch for \$2,800+hst for pony rides and a mechanical bull. The Commission discussed.

Moved by Kennedy

Seconded by Van Kroonenburg

That this matter be deferred to January's Commission in Committee Meeting

Motion carried

- **New Year's Day Levee**

Chair MacCormick extended an invitation to the delegates to attend the Village's New Year's Day Levee on January 1st from 1:00-2:00pm.

Adjournment

Moved by Van Kroonenburg

That the December 17, 2019 regular monthly meeting of Village of Bible Hill be adjourned.

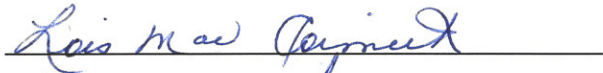
Motion carried.


The meeting adjourned at 7:47.


Chair MacCormick

Recording Secretary Chaplin

Clerk and Treasurer Bell







December's Fire Chief Report

The brigade responded to 2 emergency calls during the period of November 13th – December 4th they are as follows:

November 24th, 1:41 pm Mutual Aid to standby at Truro fire station. Returned to hall at 1:49 pm with 11 members responding.

December 3rd, 10:54 am, 33 Butler Drive, Medical lift assist. Returned to the hall at 11:28 am with 7 members responding.

Calls: 82

Fire loss: 47,800

Loss of Little Nicky's food truck was \$10,000

Bible Hill Junior High – \$22,000

Notes:

I want to officially welcome 2 new members Heidi Patterson and Taylor Boudreau to the brigade.

I would also like to extend a large thank you to the brigade members for all their work put into fundraising, training, and all other brigade events.

I would also like to pass along a thank you to all members of the village commission and staff for all they do throughout the year.

Fire Prevention, calendars coming we will need lots of help distributing them around the village when they arrive.

Elected officers for the 2020:

Fire Chief – Joey Bisson

Deputy Chief – Chris Hurley

Deputy Chief – Kevin Galloway

Captain of Equipment – David Pearston

Captain of Police – Justin Hingley

Secretary – Dwane Mellish

Treasurer – Avis McNutt

Steward – Barry Haner

I would like to wish everyone at the Village of Bible Hill a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Bible Hill Fire Brigade.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Bisson

Fire Chief

December Recreation Report

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting took place on November 29th, 2019 at 7pm. We had bands from Bible Hill Jr High and Redcliffe Middle school come in to perform for everyone. These bands did a fantastic job and were very well received. The concert had to be moved indoors to the Village Hall due to high winds, but this did not deter anyone from coming out to enjoy the evening. Santa made an appearance and we had a photographer on site taking pictures of the kids with Santa and they were then emailed out to the parents the day after the event. We also had tea, coffee, hot chocolate and snacks for everyone that came out. We had a great turnout and the hall was full of people and holiday cheer. Bible Hill Fire Brigade transported Santa to the event on the back of the Village's new fire truck and all the kids really enjoyed seeing him coming to the hall with lights and sirens going.

Bible Hill Garden Club hosted a Christmas Centerpiece Workshop on December 1st, which took place in the Village Hall. There were 45 attendees, and 15 volunteers that took part in the event. A lot of beautiful centerpieces were constructed, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. There was tea and coffee, cookies, candy canes and Christmas music for everyone to enjoy during the event and this made for a cheerful, happy atmosphere.

The Christmas Tour of Lights is taking place on December 18th with bus tours at 6pm and 7pm. Both tours are at full capacity with 49 riders signed up for both. Markie Bus Tours will be driving through Bible Hill and Valley to showcase the Christmas light displays on area homes. There will be refreshments and snacks in the Commission Chambers for attendees to enjoy before and after their bus tour.

On December 21st from 10am-12pm we are having a cookie decorating event in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to come decorate Christmas cookies to take home for the holiday season. Also, on December 21st from 1pm-3pm, we are having a teen baking program where teens will be able to bake a holiday treat to take home to enjoy with their family and friends.

Happy Holidays!

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Kennedy
Parks and Recreation Director